



APD NEWS

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APD announces Sixth Street Halloween safety plans

The Austin Police Department today announced its plans to ensure a safe evening for those celebrating Halloween on Sixth Street.

Due to expected large crowds, Sixth Street will be closed to vehicular traffic from Congress Avenue to the West Frontage of I-35. Cross streets will be closed between Fifth and Seventh Streets. Closures should be completed by 6 p.m. and towing of vehicles parked on Sixth Street and cross streets (Brazos, San Jacinto, Trinity, Neches, Red River and Sabine) will begin at 6 p.m. Owners of vehicles towed during this time should call Southside Towing at 441-7094. The I-35 southbound 8th – 3rd Street exit and the I-35 northbound 6th Street exit will also be closed. Additional I-35 exit ramps may be closed depending on the amount of vehicle and pedestrian traffic in the 6th Street area.

APD reminds citizens planning to be on Sixth Street Halloween night that no weapons of any type will be allowed including:

- Firearms
- Relics
- Swords
- Illegal knives
- Clubs
- Sharp or pointed items

All costume accessories should be plastic or soft material. Anyone with illegal items will be arrested and the property will be seized.

In addition, open containers of alcohol will not be allowed on Sixth Street. Glass containers are prohibited.

Children under 17 years old who are not accompanied by a parent or guardian must leave the Sixth Street area by 11 p.m.



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SoberRide also reminds folks not to drink and drive. Those without a designated driver can call SoberRide at 657-2999 to receive a free cab ride home. The service is available for residents 21 and older (up to \$30 fare). SoberRide will operate from 11 p.m. to 3 a.m. both Friday and Saturday, Oct. 30-Oct. 31, 2009.

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